



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: March 10, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Chief of Staff Yvette Mendez welcomed the Council members

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update | Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Director Consultant Dr. Philip K Chan

- As of March 8, the total count of COVID-19 doses given was over 300,000. Over 90,000 individuals are fully vaccinated, and over 200,000 who have received at least one dose. The current vaccine dose distribution numbers make Rhode Island sixth in the country for most vaccines distributed per 100,000 individuals.
- Speeding up vaccine distribution efforts has come at a cost, with a considerable decrease in the vaccination of individuals of color, especially those in high-density communities.

COVID-19 Data Update | COVID-19 High-Density Communities Coordinated Response Lead Julian Drix

- Data collection efforts have improved, with a considerable decline in unknown race and ethnicity data in recent weeks.
- Additional vaccine distribution efforts in high-density communities include accelerating distribution by age, building provider capacity, partnering with Trusted Providers, addressing language and tech carriers, increasing points of access, and increasing vaccine allocations.

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- Several Council member voiced concerns about the accessibility of vaccines for undocumented individuals, especially regarding providing proof of address. State staff are working to remove that requirement.
- A Council member requested more allotted time for questions as well as earlier distribution of presentation slides at future meetings. State staff are working on sending data slides prior to meetings.

Next Steps

- State staff will work on securing the attendance of RIDOH Director Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott at the next Equity Council meeting.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Yvette Mendez

